

Key Messages – Emergency and Protective Services

Demonstration/ Convoy – February 7, 2022

Situational Update

- The number of protesters Sunday was much lower - about 300-400 left in the downtown core
- By-law is also working with Police to increase ticketing for infractions such as illegally parked vehicles in and around the downtown core
- There are on-going attempts by the protesters to set up staging areas/encampments at different locations.
 - These are being removed and the groups will be prevented from returning
- Enforcement activities have also commenced at RCGT Park, with Police, Ottawa Fire Services, and By-law working together to remove containers of fuel that are being stored there illegally
- There are still traffic and noise impacts in the downtown core and the Rideau Centre remain closed

State of Emergency

- Yesterday, the Mayor declared a State of Emergency
 - provides the ability to deploy more resources to the emergency, including through requests for assistance to other jurisdictions or levels of government
 - helps the City to deploy its emergency operations and staff in a more nimble fashion
 - enables a more flexible procurement process. It also provides the ability to deploy more resources to the emergency
 - **does not** provide the Mayor or anyone else with any extraordinary authorities that are not otherwise provided for in law, such as the imposition of a curfew, new police powers, etc.
- The City of Ottawa's declaration of an emergency does not have a fixed end date
 - continues in effect until terminated either by the Mayor, City Council or the Premier of Ontario

By-law and Regulatory Services

- By-law and Regulatory Services is working closely with the Ottawa Police Service and other partner emergency services

- BLRS' role in the ongoing demonstration is to support the lead enforcement agency, the Ottawa Police Service, in keeping the demonstration peaceful by assisting with parking control and other issues as requested by OPS
 - The goal of parking enforcement within the perimeter of the demonstration is to ensure that emergency lanes are clear, and the flow of traffic is maintained
- Since January 28, BLRS has issued almost 1000 (996) parking tickets for various violations in and around the demonstration area perimeter
 - includes No Stopping and No Parking
 - 780 were issued over this weekend
- There is regrettably no means to differentiate vehicles associated with the protest and those that are not
 - Officers use their discretion when issuing tickets and are working with Police to ensure that any enforcement actions do not place the safety of the public or officers at risk
- BLRS continues to respond to service requests pertaining to City by-laws and provincial regulations that are unrelated to the ongoing demonstration

Set Fine Increase Requests

Noise By-law from \$490 to \$1000

Idling By-law from \$100 to \$1000

Use and Care of Roads By-law from \$350 to \$1000 (specific to encumbering a roadway)

Open Air Fire By-law By-law from \$100 to \$1000

Ottawa Paramedic Service

- The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) continues to be the lead agency for the ongoing demonstration downtown and we are working closely with them to maintain the safety of residents, paramedics and the overall public.
- These coordinated efforts between the City, the Police and other emergency services are required to ensure that emergency lanes are maintained so paramedics can access patients
- Procedures are in place for paramedics to assess potential hazards and ensure a scene is safe before they enter an area to provide care
 - The Ottawa Paramedic Service has advised staff to remain vigilant and proceed with caution while providing an uninterrupted service downtown

- Yesterday a video circulated on Twitter of an ambulance that was unable to pass due to traffic congestion in the core
 - The paramedic crew was enroute to a standby location and not on a call, they were however delayed in getting to that location

INTERVAL